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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

J.C.C. SENDS DR. BECKER TO CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

As part of its program for veterans, and displaced war workers, the Junior College of Connecticut will send Dr. Harry A. Becker, director of Guidance and Student Personnel to a four-week conference on veterans' counseling problems at the City College of New York from Nov. 13 to Dec. 9, it was announced by E. Everett Cortright, president.

This special program has been arranged in close cooperation with Dr. Stirling, director of the vocational rehabilitation service, and Dr. Scott, chief of the vocational advisement division of the veterans administration in Washington, and is designed for college guidance officials already qualified for vocational counseling.

Applicants for this program must have at least an M. A., and preferable a Ph. D., in psychology, as well as experience in counseling and personnel experience, including work in statistics and psychometric methods.

At the present time the Junior College has 13 veterans in attendance who are studying under one of the Federal Government's programs of financial assistance, and college officials anticipate that several more will enroll at the opening of the second semester in February.

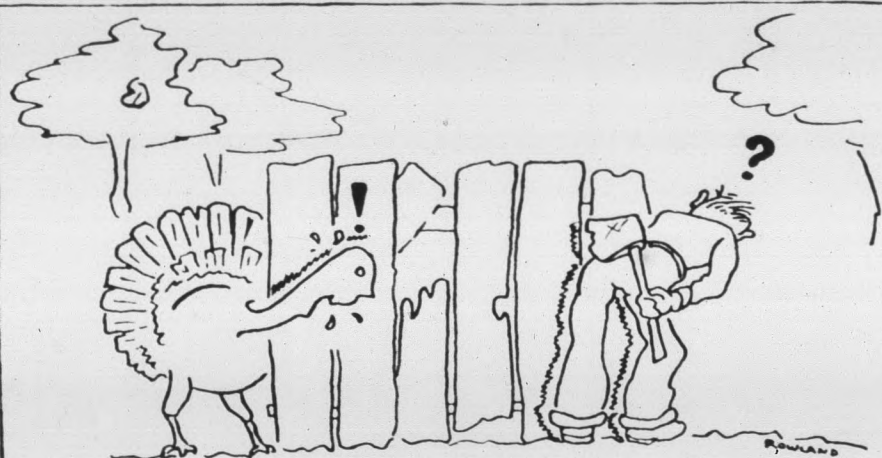
NEW CHANGE INAUGURATES REOPENING OF SOCIAL ROOM

After being closed for a brief period for redecorating, the Social Room was reopened last week for use by the general student body. The Social Activity clean-up committee reports that new furniture, at an expense of over one hundred dollars, was purchased and, new rules and regulations have been posted by the Student Activity committee in regards to the use of the room. The Committee also stated that these regulations will be enforced rigidly.

The Social Room was established last year by a group of students in order that the student body may have a lounge to spend hours between classes. This year the social room has been improved with a rearrangement of the furniture, new additions, and pictures. A new combination radio-victrola will be installed shortly, along with new games. The Social Activity Committee urges all students to cooperate in the upkeep of the Social Room.

The following students are members of the Social Room Committee until January 1, 1945:

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IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T...

THANKSGIVING SENTIMENT

Approximately three hundred and twenty-four years ago, the Pilgrims celebrated their first Thanksgiving on American soil.

They gave thanks to God for bringing them safely across the ocean to a new land.

Next Thursday, November 23, we too will give thanks; not for a new land, but for the freedom of this land. We can give thanks because we don't have to run and hide from bombs; because little children can go to sleep in their own beds at night, rather than under the streets in an air raid shelter. We can give thanks because we are Americans on the winning side.

Many of us have lost our brothers, sons, sweethearts, or fathers in this war. Even we can give thanks, that they died fighting for a cause, they knew to be the right one.

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PHI THETA ADDS MEMBER

Charlotte Kaidy Initiated Friday

At an impressive secretive initiation held Friday night in the Social Room, Charlotte Kaidy, a member of the sophomore class, was the first student this year to be accepted into the ranks of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honorary scholastic fraternity of American Junior Colleges. To be invited into the club, a student must have at least a B overage, and must be approved by both the faculty and members of the club.

Because of the small number of sophomore members, and because of the presence in our midst of former Phi Theta members, it was voted at a recent meeting to afford active membership to Rita Doolan and Lillian Hyatt, of the office staff, and Dorothy Onofrey, of the evening school, all former members of the J.C.C. chapter;

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A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CORTRIGHT

This year, each of us at the Junior College of Connecticut has deep and sincere reasons for Thanksgiving. We are ready to give thanks that we can still carry on our college education, even though our government is in the midst of a terrible war. We give thanks for the enlarged student body that has come to us this year, which offers the opportunity for everybody to become more broadly acquainted. We give thanks that in comparison with the situations that our 267 alumni in uniform are facing in almost every part of the world, that we have nothing more threatening to deal with than a few O.P.A. regulations. And we give thanks that as we come to know one another at the Junior College of Connecticut, we find genuine values below the surface that we did not suspect were there. Shall we insist on having turkey, not for any reason that has to do with giving thanks? We have plenty of reasons without bringing into the picture the nature of a large family meal on Thanksgiving Day itself.

GEOFFREY O'HARA'S RECENT VISIT WELL RECEIVED HERE

Geoffrey O'Hara, composer, lecturer, and author of the popular World War I song K-K-K-Katy spoke to the student body of Junior College at the regular assembly period, Tuesday morning, November 14.

Opening the program with a few well chosen jokes about the South and his army experiences, he proceeded to match the songs of the last World War with those that have come out of the present.

Mr. O'Hara stated that the soldiers in the first World War were recognized for their singing in foreign countries. And he was amazed at the reports from England and other countries which tell of the lack of music by our American soldiers. The army schedule of today is so filled with official duties that there is little or no time for group singing. There is a lack of adequate song books for the men in the armed forces with songs and verses that they want and know.

Mr. O'Hara proceeded to play Katy in his own style with different variations which were popular in 1917. This was followed by a new march which he composed. It is very catchy and should be very popular in this war.

During the last war Mr. O'Hara was an official song leader for the United States Army. He travelled through many of the camps in the country leading community singing groups and training other men to do the same work. He is best remembered for his fine work at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, where many of his fond memories were the subject of his talk.

Mr. O'Hara admires the negro race for their fine ability to create folk music and their wonderful sense of humor. "A colored man is ready with a retort to any gag you might throw at him", said Mr. O'Hara as he went on to give some good examples of the negro wit of the Colored Engineers in World War I. His comparison of songs of the last war with those of this were well received by his audience, and the consensus of opinion after his talk, was that he made very good choices.

Following the talk questions by the students were answered, and the assembly adjourned.

Other songs that Mr. O'Hara has composed are: Give A Man A Horse He Can Ride, I Love A Little Cottage, Forward to Christ, and He Smiled On Me. He is also known for his many operettas.

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DO WE GIVE THANKS?

Well, here we are again. Another festival of Thanksgiving has arrived, but with a newer and greater significance. I wonder if we fully realize the new meaning that the word Thanksgiving has taken. A few years ago most of us remembered that day in November as a day of rest, a brief pause from realities of living, an extra trip to church, and possibly a groan as we looked for the bicarbonate of soda.

Yes, the remembrance of Pilgrim feasts was primarily the importance of the holiday. How different the same scene is today when we put the thoughts of the Mayflower and Indian feasts in the background and think more seriously of our own plight as we make that "extra trip to church".

Do we really give thanks deep in our own hearts for the sacrifices that our predecessors made. I really think that today we do. It has taken another world struggle to awaken us again to a fuller meaning of the symbol which accompanies Thanksgiving.

We do give thanks for our democracy—for the right and privilege of printing this editorial; we do give thanks for the four freedoms, and the right to live as we please. Oh, you could go on and on and enumerate in many columns the beliefs, rights, privileges, and heritage for which we bow our heads in acknowledgment.

Let us not fail ourselves or our children in the sober task which lies before us. The mere utterance of words or lip service alone means absolutely nothing. Action is the keynote which always delivers the fruits of our labors. Let us give our thanks not only in words but in deeds as well.

This Thanksgiving finds us closer to victory, and nearer to the freedom of the "new world of tomorrow". Let us fight harder for that peace of mind, for ourselves and others.

Let us give thanks for our leaders, the champions to whom we look for guidance in our duties. And let us offer a prayer for the President of the United States, the leaders of our armed forces, and most of all the men and women who are doing the actual fighting of our battle. To them we give thanks for our country, and for the peace to follow.

What course of action should we then follow? Let us go to the Bible for our answer.

"What doth the Lord require of thee? To do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly before thy God".

Let us all remember this again, again, and AGAIN.

GREETINGS

The SCRIBE staff and its contributors extend to all students, alumni, faculty, and friends of the college a sincere wish for an enjoyable Thanksgiving, with a hope that next season will find peace on earth and good will to our fellow men.

SENTIMENT (Continued)

Thursday, when we sit down to enjoy our turkey dinner, we probably won't see the turkey; instead we will see something resembling a chicken or even a pot roast. It will taste like turkey regardless of how it may look. The thought of the boys enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner between battles should soften the heart of any would-be griper.

We are not prophets; we can not foretell the future. We can offer a little prayer that next November 23, will find the empty places at our dinner tables filled.

Laurel Hanson

SOCIAL ROOM (Continued)

Dorothy O'Brien
 Jean Ann Brown
 Jean Bennett
 Charlotte Kaidy
 Elyce Martoccio
 Sid Gelfand
 Dan McPadden
 Bob Rowland
 Mary Gaudie
 Tony Bellen
 Marjorie Osterhaut
 John Kelly

The regular meeting of the Social Activity Council will be held on Monday, 7th period.

PHI THETA KAPPA

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and to Dorothy Phillips, Mr. Halsey's secretary, a former member of a New Haven Chapter.

Officers of the club this year are:

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| President | Mrs. Esther Sellick |
| Vice-President | Rita Doolan |
| Secretary | Alice Ente |
| Treasurer | Florence Rabitz |
| Custodian | Dorothy Onofrey |



THE DAY AFTER
 THE NIGHT BEFORE
 YOU ATE YOUR TURKEY

THIS SHOULDN'T
 HAPPEN TO DOPEY!

A THANKSGIVING

Lord, for the erring thought
 Not unto evil wrought;
 Lord, for the wicked will
 Betrayed and baffled still;
 For the heart from itself kept:
 Our Thanksgiving accept!
 For the ignorant hopes that were
 Broken to our blind prayer;
 For pain, death, sorrow—sent
 Unto our chastisement;
 For all loss of seeming good:
 Quicken our gratitude!

(William Dean Howells 1837-1920)



J.C.C. went Hay seed last Friday night, November 7, as everyone had a hay of a good time at the YWCA. You never would have recognized some of your own class mates as many of them came disguised in their best hillbilly attires—Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae were the hit of the party.

Swing your partner and alimande right was the pas word for the square sets called by one of Fairfield county's best callers. Bill Erfort's music certainly set the aggregation's feet-a-flyin'.

In regards to the little cut which appears at the head of this squib: It was the closest the publisher could come to a dancing couple and keep it in the mood with a barn dance. Well, it certainly isn't a barn dance picture. But if J.C.C. were in existence in the gay 90's your father's father might have looked something like this. But nevertheless, you can close your eyes and let your imagination play tricks. Of course this is for you men and women who didn't have you S. A. cards or failed to attend the function.

One More Cut At J.C.C.

